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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 20-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 20, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Claim 22, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Claim 25, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Claim 32, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Claim 34, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

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Claim 37, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Claim 38, lines 4-5, it is not clear as to what is being defined by "... structural connectors, each associated with one of the exterior wall panels". What, specifically, is being defined by "associated with"?

Applicant may wish to amend each of claims 20, 22, 25, 32, 34, 37, and 38 to clearly establish the specific relationship between the "structural connectors" and the "exterior wall panels". Otherwise, it is not understood as to how the "structural connectors" and the "exterior wall panels" are linked within the scope of the claimed invention.

Claims 20-39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (703) 308-2481. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur., 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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